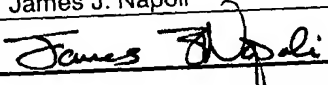
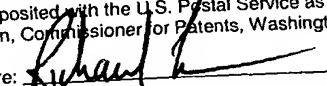


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		First Inventor <b>Mario Spatafora</b>	
		Title <b>METHOD OF PRODUCING SOFT PACKETS OF CIGARETTES</b>	
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	Not Yet Assigned
Filing Date	June 27, 2003
First Named Inventor	Mario Spatafora
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### FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

	Large Entity	Small Entity
1. <b>Revenue Recognition</b>	Revenue is recognized when the performance obligation is satisfied, which is when control of the goods or services is transferred to the customer.	Revenue is recognized when the performance obligation is satisfied, which is when control of the goods or services is transferred to the customer.
2. <b>Cost of Sales</b>	Cost of sales is recognized when the revenue is recognized, and it is measured at the cost incurred to produce the goods or services.	Cost of sales is recognized when the revenue is recognized, and it is measured at the cost incurred to produce the goods or services.
3. <b>Impairment of Intangible Assets</b>	Intangible assets are tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if there are indicators of impairment. If the carrying amount of the intangible asset exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized.	Intangible assets are tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if there are indicators of impairment. If the carrying amount of the intangible asset exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized.
4. <b>Goodwill Impairment</b>	Goodwill is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if there are indicators of impairment. If the carrying amount of goodwill exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized.	Goodwill is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if there are indicators of impairment. If the carrying amount of goodwill exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized.
5. <b>Lease Accounting</b>	Leases are classified as either finance leases or operating leases. Finance leases are accounted for as if the lessee has purchased the asset, while operating leases are accounted for as if the lessee is renting the asset.	Leases are classified as either finance leases or operating leases. Finance leases are accounted for as if the lessee has purchased the asset, while operating leases are accounted for as if the lessee is renting the asset.
6. <b>Share-Based Compensation</b>	Share-based compensation is measured at the fair value of the equity instrument at the time of the grant, and it is recognized as an expense over the vesting period.	Share-based compensation is measured at the fair value of the equity instrument at the time of the grant, and it is recognized as an expense over the vesting period.
7. <b>Financial Instruments</b>	Financial instruments are classified as either financial assets or financial liabilities, and they are measured at fair value.	Financial instruments are classified as either financial assets or financial liabilities, and they are measured at fair value.
8. <b>Provisions and Contingent Liabilities</b>	Provisions and contingent liabilities are recognized when there is a present obligation, a reliable estimate can be made, and it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation.	Provisions and contingent liabilities are recognized when there is a present obligation, a reliable estimate can be made, and it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation.
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1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

			Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid
Total Claims	14	-20** =		x		=	0.00
Independent Claims	4	-3** =	1	x	84.00	=	84.00
Multiple Dependent						=	

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3. <b>Asset Recognition</b>	Assets are recognized when they are probable to generate future economic benefits and their cost can be reliably measured.	Assets are recognized when they are probable to generate future economic benefits and their cost can be reliably measured.
4. <b>Liability Recognition</b>	Liabilities are recognized when they are probable to result in an outflow of resources and their amount can be reliably measured.	Liabilities are recognized when they are probable to result in an outflow of resources and their amount can be reliably measured.
5. <b>Equity Recognition</b>	Equity is recognized as the residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all liabilities.	Equity is recognized as the residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all liabilities.

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	
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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
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1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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PATENT APPLICATION

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Docket No: 20022/38497

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Inventor(s): Mario Spatafora

Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING SOFT PACKETS OF CIGARETTES

1. Type of Application

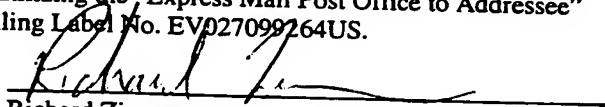
- ☒ This is a new application for a
- ☒ utility patent.
- ☐ design patent.
- ☐ This is a continuation-in-part application of prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Application Papers Enclosed

- 1 Title Page
- 22 Pages of Specification (excluding Claims, Abstract, Sequence Listing & Drawings)
- 17 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- 10 Sheet(s) of Drawings (Figs. 1 to 12)
- ☐ Formal
- ☒ Informal
- 0 Page(s) of Sequence Listing

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☐ Inventor(s)

☐ Legal representative of inventor(s)  
(37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43)

☐ Joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of  
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☐ The petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the statement  
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4. **Small Entity Status**

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ A small entity statement is(are) attached.

5. **Additional Papers Enclosed**

☐ Preliminary Amendment

☐ Information Disclosure Statement

☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit

☐ Computer readable copy of sequence listing containing nucleotide and/or amino  
acid sequence

☐ Microfiche computer program

☐ Associate Power of Attorney

☐ Verified translation of a non-English patent application

☐ An assignment of the invention

☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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6. **Priority Applications Under 35 USC 119**

Certified copies of applications from which priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed are listed below and

- ☐ are attached.  
☒ will follow.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILED
Italy	BO 2001A 000298	May 14, 2001

7. **Filing Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

A. ☒ **Utility Application**

CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT(S) (IF ANY)						
			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$370.00		\$740.00
TOTAL	42 - 20	= 22	X 9 =	\$	X 18 =	\$396.00
INDEP.	7 - 3	= 4	X 42 =	\$	X 84 =	\$336.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ 140 =	\$	+ 280 =	\$
Filing Fee:				\$	OR	\$1,472.00

B. ☐ **Design Application (\$165.00/\$330.00)**

Filing Fee: \$

C. ☐ **Plant Application (\$255.00/\$510.00)**

Filing Fee: \$

D. **Other Fees**

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☐ **Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached [Fee — \$130.00]**

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☐ **Other**

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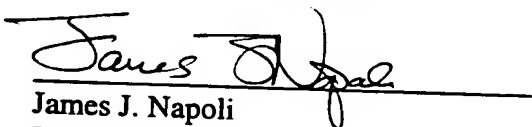
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